teams report the results of the talks to their respective Governments.

The atmosphere of cordiality and frankness continued throughout the conversations. Although no substantive agreements have been reached, issues have been clarified and ideas raised for consideration by the two Governments.

As the Peruvians did in Lima with Ambassador Irwin, Department of State officials, during talks here, had an opportunity to make a full presentation of the United States position on territorial waters and fishing.

Therefore, in our opinion, the sessions have served a useful purpose. The timing of any resumption of the talks will, of course, be set by the two Governments through normal diplomatic channels.

Ambassador Irwin has indicated his willingness to continue to lead the U.S. representatives in any further conversations with Peruvian authorities. The Peruvian team plans to depart from Washington this evening and return directly to Lima.

Israel Pays Compensation Claimed for Men Injured on U.S.S. Liberty

Press release 116 dated May 13

On April 28, the United States Government received $3,566,457 from the Government of Israel in settlement of certain claims arising out of the attack on the U.S.S. *Liberty* on June 8, 1967. The amount received represents payment in full of the following United States claims:

A. 164 claims totaling $3,452,275 on behalf of the members of the crew of the U.S.S. *Liberty* who were injured in the attack;

B. A claim for $92,437 for expenses incurred by the United States Government in providing medical treatment to the injured men;

C. A claim for $21,745 for expenses incurred by the United States Government in reimbursing members of the crew of the U.S.S. *Liberty* for personal property damaged or destroyed in the attack.

Distribution to the injured men of funds received in settlement of their claims is now in process and will be completed in a few weeks.

On May 31, 1968, the Government of Israel paid in full claims totaling $3,323,500 on behalf of the families of the 34 men killed in the attack.

The only unsettled claim arising out of the attack on the U.S.S. *Liberty* is the claim for damage to the ship, which remains under discussion.

THE CONGRESS

Future U.S. Relations With Latin America

Statement by Charles A. Meyer
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I am pleased to appear before you to share my thoughts about future United States relations with our Latin American neighbors. As you know, the administration is, as is this committee, assessing our experience and policies of the last decade, reexamining our assumptions, and developing the policy framework in which our relations and our cooperative efforts with the hemisphere will evolve in the decade ahead. I therefore am not yet able to give you what I know you would like and are anxiously awaiting; that is, a clear definitive statement of the administration's policies and program priorities toward Latin America for the years ahead. This is now being worked out. To this end, and at the President's request, Governor Rockefeller is beginning discussions with our colleagues in Latin America as to how we and they can more effectively work together in our common interest over the years ahead. His report and recommendations will, of course, be given great weight by the President in charting the course of our future policies.

I would like to concur in the views expressed before this committee that the past decade has seen many quite remarkable changes in the hemisphere and that within the framework of the Alliance for Progress our sister Republics have made notable gains in many areas. There

[1] Made before the Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on May 8 (press release 108).

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